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### 0. FOREWORD

- **0.1** This Indian Standard (Revised) was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 29 October 1965, after the draft finalized by the Sports Goods Sectional Committee had been approved by the Consumer Products Division Council.
- 0.2 This standard, dealing with the intestine guts, was first published in 1953 as a tentative standard and was one of a series of Indian Standards on sports goods and gymnastics equipment prepared on the recommendation of the Export Promotion Committee of the Government of India. In this revision the values have been given in rationalized metric units.
- **0.3** Attention is invited to clause **3.3** which calls for an agreement between the purchaser and the supplier and which permits the purchaser to use his option for selection to suit his requirements.
- **0.4** For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS: 2-1960\*. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

### 1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard covers the requirements for intestine guts used for stringing tennis, badminton and squash rackets.

### 2. MATERIAL

2.1 The guts shall be made of intestines of sheep or goats, in one continuous length without any joint.

<sup>\*</sup>Rules for rounding off numerical values ( revised ).

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### 3. REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Dimensions — The lengths and diameters of guts shall be as given in Table 1.

TABLE 1 REQUIREMENTS FOR GUTS						
SL No.	CHARACTERISTIC	TENNIS	BADMINTON	SQUASH		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)		
i)	Length, mm  a) Main string b) Cross string	6 400 ± 80 5 500 ± 80	5 800 ± 80 5 200 ± 80	4 270 ± 80 4 270 ± 80		
ii)	Nominal diameter (unstrung), mm	1·35 to 1·40	0.90 to 1.00	1·25 to 1·40		
iii)	Breaking strength in kgf, Min	40	11	<b>4</b> 0		

- 3.2 Twists The guts shall be twisted in a uniform manner and shall have approximate one twist per centimetre.
- 3.3 Colour The guts shall be of white or cream colour. If required by the purchaser, the guts may be supplied in orange, red or black or in combination of any two of these colours.
- 3.4 Breaking Strength The guts shall have the minimum breaking strength as specified in Table 1.

### 4. PACKING

**4.1** The guts shall be coiled and wrapped in cellophane film and sealed in polyethylene or butter-paper bags. Alternatively, after being wrapped in cellophane film, it shall be mounted on cardboard and finally covered with cellophane film.

### 5. MARKING

5.1 The manufacturer's name, the year of manufacture of the material and the purpose for which the gut is intended, that is, tennis, badminton or squash, shall be suitably marked on the packing. The packet shall include a leaflet indicating the diameter of the gut and manufacturer's or supplier's instructions regarding the tension at which the gut is to be strung on rackets.

5.1.1 The packings of the guts may also be marked with the ISI Certification Mark.

Note — The use of the ISI Certification Mark is governed by the provisions of the Indian Standards Institution (Certification Marks) Act, and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder. Presence of this mark on products covered by an Indian Standard conveys the assurance that they have been produced to comply with the requirements of that standard, under a well-defined system of inspection, testing and quality control during production. This system, which is devised and supervised by ISI and operated by the producer, has the further safeguard that the products as actually marketed are continuously checked by ISI for conformity to the standard. Details of conditions, under which a licence for the use of the ISI Certification Mark may be granted to manufacturers or processors, may be obtained from the Indian Standards Institution.

### 6. SAMPLING

- 6.1 Lot In any consignment, all the guts of the same type and belonging to the same batch of manufacture shall constitute a lot.
- **6.1.1** Each lot shall be tested separately to ascertain its conformity to the requirements of this standard.
- **6.2** To ascertain the conformity of the lot to the requirements of this standard, the number of guts to be selected at random from the lot shall be in accordance with col 1 and 2 of Table 2.

TABLE 2 SAMPLE SIZE AND CRITERIA FOR CONFORMITY					
LOT SIZE (NUMBER OF GUTS IN THE LOT)	SAMPLE SIZE (NUMBER OF GUTS TO BE SELECTED)	ACCEPTANCE NUMBER	Sub-sample Size		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		
Up to 100	13	1	3		
101 ,, 150	20	1	4		
151 ,, 300	32	2	5		
301 " 500	50	3	6		
501 ,, 1000	80	5	8		
1 001 and above	125	7	10		

6.3.1 The guts selected according to 6.2 shall be inspected for dimensions, twists and colour.

6.3 Number of Tests and Criteria for Conformity

**6.3.2** For breaking strength the number of guts to be selected from the guts already inspected under **6.3.1** and found satisfactory with respect to all the characteristics mentioned there, shall be in accordance with col 4 of Table 2.

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- **6.3.3** Criteria for Conformity The lot shall be declared as conforming to the requirements of this standard if the conditions given below are satisfied.
  - a) The number of defective guts with respect to any one or more of the characteristics inspected for in **6.3.1** does not exceed the corresponding acceptance number given in col 3 of Table 2.
  - b) From the test results for breaking strength the average  $\bar{X}$  (see Note 1) and the range  $\bar{R}$  (see Note 2) are computed and the value of the expression  $\bar{X}-0.6$   $\bar{R}$  is not less than the relevant specified minimum value.

Note 1 — Average  $(\overline{X})$  is the value obtained by dividing the sum of test results by the number of test results.

Note 2 — Range (R) is the difference between the maximum and the minimum of the test results.

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